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MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate Deputy Director for Administration
Attn: Chief, Security Analysis Group, OS
Director of Personnel
Associate Deputy Director for Science and Technology
Associate Deputy Director for Operations
Attn: ISS/IP/EIS
D/DCI for the Intelligence Community
D/DCI for National Intelligence Officers
Legislative Counsel
Inspector General
Executive Secretary

FROM : Wm. George Jameson
Office of General Counsel

SUBJECT : Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., Department of Justice Task Force

1. Attached is a letter, dated 19 November 1976, from the Office of Professional Responsibility of the Justice Department clarifying its earlier request for Agency assistance in the Martin Luther King investigation.

2. By OGC Memorandum 76-5403, dated 4 October 1976, Richard H. Lansdale requested that a check be made of your records in order that an appropriate response be given to the Justice Department. While you may already have provided this Office with all information requested at that time, it is requested that another search of your files and indices be made in order that a response appropriate to the more recent letter be prepared.

3. I direct your attention to the second paragraph of the attached letter to determine what materials Justice is interested in. Since Justice expects a response from us next week, I would appreciate your response by close of business 30 November 1976. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at extension 6046.

Wm. George Jameson

Attachment

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

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Anthony A. Lapham, Esquire
General Counsel
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Lapham:

Reference is made to my letter of September 24, 1976, soliciting your assistance to search out and make available for review by our Task Force the materials in your agency's files reflecting the extent and nature of the contacts by your agency with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in regard to the late Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. Reference is also made to a conversation on November 18, 1976, with Mr. George Jameson of your office on the progress of your efforts to provide the records we are seeking to review. It appears that my September 24 letter was less than clear and I hasten to clarify our needs.

We need to know what materials (reports, monographs and memoranda) the F.B.I. disseminated to your agency about Dr. King which were to inform you of Dr. King's activities. We also are looking for requests by the F.B.I. to your agency for information on Dr. King which you might have secured through your sources. And, most important, we need to examine any evidence of any request to your agency to undertake action of a counterintelligence nature to discredit Dr. King, prevent him from any undertaking or frustrate him in regard to any endeavor or objective (e.g., travel in Europe, receipt of honors such as the Nobel Peace prize, an audience with the Pope). We would like to know whether any such request was acted upon by your agency and how. In short, the F.B.I. may have mounted a counterintelligence program against Dr. King; we need to know whether and to what extent your agency was importuned to assist wittingly or unwittingly in that program.

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I hope this will put our request for help in proper focus. Your cooperation is keenly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Fred G. Folsom

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Director
Martin Luther King, Jr., Task Force